

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

MEGAN STONE and CHRISTINE  
CAROSI,

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Plaintiffs,

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C16-5383 BHS

ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO  
SEAL AND REMOVING  
DOCUMENTS FROM THE  
RECORD

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
INSURANCE COMPANY,

## Defendant.

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Government Employees Insurance Company's ("GEICO") motions to seal (Dkts. 116, 122) and Plaintiffs Megan Stone and Christine Carosi's ("Plaintiffs") motion to seal (Dkt. 131).

Although the Court will normally entertain contested motions to seal, the parties in this matter have taken these disputes to another level. The Court declines to engage in unnecessary mini-disputes when the substance underlying the dispute was in itself unnecessary to the Court’s ultimate resolution of the issue. In denying Plaintiffs’ motion to remand, the Court did not rely on any of the currently sealed material. *See* Dkt. 135. Moreover, the Court declines to provide any additional basis for unnecessary collateral

1 proceedings alleging misuse of trade secrets. *See Government Employees Insurance Co.,*  
2 *v. Scott P. Nealey*, CV 17-807, 2017 WL 2572519 (E.D. Pa. June 13, 2017). Therefore,  
3 the Court **DENIES** the motions (Dkts. 116, 122, 131) as moot and the Clerk shall remove  
4 the documents from the record (Dkts. 118–121, 123–124, 127–129).

5 Dated this 21st day of September, 2017.

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United States District Judge  
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